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APPLICANT: SERIAL NUMBER: da Costa e Silva, et al.

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NOTICE OF APPEAL

Applicants hereby appeal the pending rejections contained in the Final Office Action dated October 31, 2006. The claims appealed are:

Claims 3-7, 15-20, and 29-35.

Authorization is hereby given to charge the fee of \$500.00, and any other fee which may be due with regard to this submission, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-1197.

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